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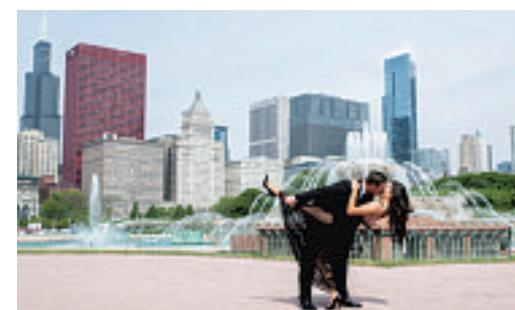
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No. 1

Amy Adams

Adams is sucking up a lot of awards-season attention, between "Arrival" and "Nocturnal Animals." It's impossible to pigeon-hole the talented redhead.



THE DIGIT
7

Adams got her seventh Golden Globe nomination for 'Arrival'

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THE DIGIT
7.29M

Number of viewers who tuned in to see Snow cheat death in Season 6's second episode



No. 2

Jon Snow

It was a big year for Snow, who came back from the dead, left the Night's Watch in the dust and was reunited with his sister (er, cousin).

THE QUOTE
"If Ms. Rodham's not in the White House that's OK—one of those girls is going to be. We still have millions of nasty women who aren't going away, and as long as women over 25 are still allowed on television, I'll be here, cheering them on."



It was the *best* of times, it was the *worst* of times

We'll never forget you, 2016

By Lauren Chval | REDEYE

While some might consider film and television forms of escapism, the screen is often a product of our culture, representing our interests, our anxieties and our desires. In the wake of **#OscarsSoWhite**, 2016 brought race to the front of the conversation and sharpened focus on diversity. Shows like "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story," "Insecure" and "Atlanta" showed that there's more to great TV than the white, middle-aged, male anti-hero. Movies such as "Hidden Figures" and "Moonlight" committed to narratives we rarely get to see. But underneath, these specific stories had nuggets of truth that felt universal and undeniably human. 2016 was a year of tension, filled with joyful bursts ("La La Land") and bitter realities ("The Birth of a Nation"). Entertainment did not fail to reflect that journey.

Fuller House

There wasn't enough crap in 2016? We had to have not one, but TWO seasons of "Fuller House" in a calendar year? No mercy.

THE DIGIT
two
The number of seasons forced on us in 2016



Celebrity deaths

We said goodbye to too many celebrities this year: David Bowie, Prince, Alan Rickman, Anton Yelchin, Alan Thicke, Leonard Cohen, the list goes on and on.

THE QUOTE

"I received an email from him seven days ago. It was as funny as always, and as surreal, looping through word games and allusions and all the usual stuff we did. It ended with this sentence: 'Thank you for our good times, Brian. They will never rot.' And it was signed 'Dawn.' I realise now he was saying goodbye."

—Musician and producer Brian Eno, on David Bowie

1 Suicide Squad

The movie that was supposed to shake up the superhero genre ended up being a nonsensical drag.



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Powerball outranks Cubs as Chicago's top Google search

By Amina Elahi | BLUE SKY INNOVATION

Powerball was the only entity to beat the Cubs this year—by being the most popular search query in Chicago, according to Google.

The Cubs, which ranked No. 1 in local searches in 2015, were a close second in 2016's top trending searches, according to Google's annual Year in Search list, released earlier this month.

Powerball was tops nationally, as well as in Chicago. The massive \$1.6 billion that was split among three winners in January sparked so much interest that it dominated searches throughout the year, Google spokeswoman Charlotte Smith said. Since the odds of winning were 1 in 292.2 million, and the pot was so huge, there was more search interest than usual, she said.

"That Powerball lottery was building up for a very long time," she said. She added that in terms of search interest, "We saw most of that buildup through 2015."

World Series fever likely kept the Cubs at Chicagoans' fingertips this year. They were the top trending sports team nationwide, and six players—Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, David Ross, Aroldis Chapman, Addison Russell and Jake Arrieta—were among the top trending Major League Baseball players, another spokeswoman said. She did not

provide details about the search numbers.

The Cleveland Indians, defeated by the Cubs in the World Series, and the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins were the next most searched sports teams across the country, Smith said.

The death of entertainer Prince in April also brought a surge in search in Chicago and nationwide.

Copa America, the international soccer tournament that came to Soldier Field this June, was the top news story in Chicago, followed by the election, the Olympics, the Orlando shooting and Brexit. Smith said she was surprised to see Copa America among the top searches.

"No matter what type of soccer event happens in the United States, it never really breaks the ranks of the top list," she said.

The people Chicagoans searched for most were politicians Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump, Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps and Steven Avery, the subject of the Netflix docu-series "Making a Murderer."

On the entertainment side, "Suicide Squad" was the most-searched movie in Chicago. Pokémon Go, the mobile and augmented reality video game hit of the summer, was a top search both locally and across the country.

Chicago's most Googled

Here's what topped the charts of Google searches across Chicago in 2016.

Top searches

Powerball
 Cubs
 Prince
 Copa America
 Pokémon Go

News

Copa America
 Election
 Olympics
 Orlando shooting
 Brexit

People

Hillary Clinton
 Bernie Sanders
 Donald Trump
 Michael Phelps
 Steven Avery

Films

"Suicide Squad"
 "Deadpool"
 "Finding Dory"
 "Batman v Superman"
 "Zootopia"

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Chicago death count drives up biggest U.S. cities' murder rate

By Mark Berman | THE WASHINGTON POST

The violence in Chicago has continued unabated for much of 2016, with murders and shootings both far ahead of last year even with days left in December. Chicago is one of multiple major American cities seeing an increase in killings since last year, deaths that are coming during a historically safe era but that have still sparked concerns in communities seeing more bloodshed.

Yet even though several cities have seen homicides go up, the situation in Chicago stands out, both through sheer numbers and the impact it is having on murder rates nationwide.

The murder rate for the country's 30 biggest cities is expected to go up by 14 percent this year, according to the Brennan Center for Justice, a New York-based law and policy institute. But the killings in Chicago account for an astounding 43.7 percent of this overall increase in murders, meaning that Chicago alone is responsible for nearly half of this spike.

In Chicago so far this year, there were 759 murders through Monday evening, according to Tribune homicide statistics. That staggering number means Chicago will finish 2016 with more killings than it has seen in nearly two decades.

Chicago had 481 killings last year, police say, a number that was surpassed by the end of the Labor Day weekend this year. The city has also seen more than 3,400 shootings, resulting in thousands of victims, police say. Authorities blame repeat offenders using illegal guns, while police are also solving fewer homicides.

Some other cities have seen increases,

though not as sizable as what has happened in Chicago. Police in Los Angeles say there were 274 homicides through early December, up slightly from the same time a year earlier, and earlier this month, Memphis broke its own record for the most homicides in a single year.

Last year, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Chicago accounted for more than half of the total increase in homicides in the country's biggest cities, Brennan reported. The killings have declined in two of those places: Through last week, police in Baltimore reported 299 homicides, down from 321 at the same time in 2015, and there were 128 homicides through Monday in Washington, D.C., down from 157 on that date last year, police said. But Chicago has seen its homicides continue to climb over last year.

Overall, the Brennan Center analysis released Tuesday reports that the overall crime rate is projected to rise this year by about 0.3 percent in the country's 30 biggest cities, while the violent crime rate is expected to go up by about 3.3 percent, fueled by Chicago and Charlotte.

While noting that crime rates remain at or near historic lows, the report released Tuesday also does note with apprehension the increase in killings.

"An increase in the murder rate is occurring in some cities even while other forms of crime remain relatively low," the analysis concludes. "Concerns about a national crime wave are still premature, but these trends suggest a need to understand how and why murder is increasing in some cities."

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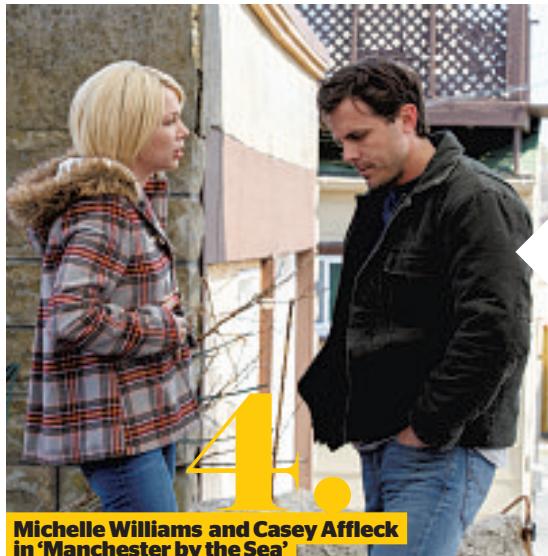
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THE TOP 10 movies OF THE YEAR

Ranking and breaking down the best of the best films we saw in 2016

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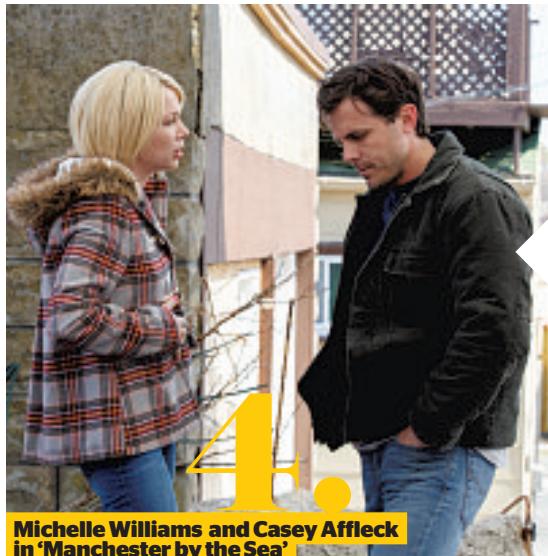
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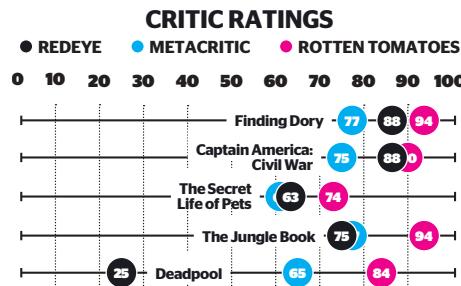
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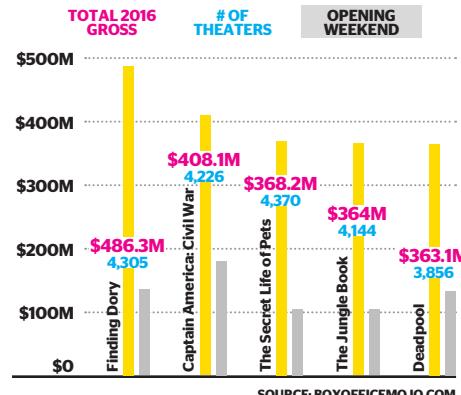
movie business

A 2016 BOX OFFICE RUNDOWN

While it would be nice if there was a consistent correlation between how good a movie is and how much it makes, that isn't always the case. That said, here's the domestic box office's Top 5 films of the year and an idea of how people rated them. —REDEYE



DOMESTIC BOX OFFICE TOTALS



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WHAT REDEYE SAID ...

Finding Dory, PG

There's a sense of familiarity with "Finding Dory." It's not breaking new ground. But it also doesn't have to. Pixar has perfected the formula, and if it's not broken, there's no point in trying to fix it. It just works. —SARA AMATO

Captain America: Civil War, PG-13

While Marvel isn't breaking new ground with its storytelling, "Civil War" stays light and funny in between the tense, high-stakes moments, and that's what's going to keep bringing audiences back for more. —SARA AMATO

The Secret Life of Pets, PG

This isn't a kid movie for adults. If you're trying to score brownie points by taking your niece to a movie, you'll get a few laughs out of this one, but it's meant for her, not you. —LAUREN CHVAL

The Jungle Book, PG

The 2016 version is both a lot darker than its 1967 Disney musical form and the rare movie that delivers a real spectacle—thanks to the combination of gorgeous visuals and director Jon Favreau's action-flick background. —LAUREN CHVAL

Deadpool, R

As funny and charming as tearing a toenail, "Deadpool" aggressively, self-consciously struggles to maintain the delusional belief that it's OK to make another failed, obnoxious superhero movie starring Ryan Reynolds. —MATT PAIS

Chris Pratt and Jennifer Lawrence in 'Passengers'



★★★
PASSENGERS
PG-13

Just enjoy Pratt and Lawrence



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Chris Pratt and Jennifer Lawrence, king and queen of the internet, masters of the goofy press tour, fall in love in space. The premise sells itself—no one has to work too hard to get this greenlit. If that's what you want, you won't be disappointed.

With a complex moral question at its center, "Passengers" could have been a lot more, but there's comfort in its charming predictability.

What happens?

Over 5,000 people hibernate aboard a space shuttle on a 120-year journey from Earth to a colony planet, Homestead II. The interstellar Titanic hits a giant space rock and starts to malfunction, causing a

hibernation pod hiding Jim Preston (Pratt) to fail 90 years early. He tries everything to fix his situation but starts to break when he realizes it's hopeless. He notices a sleeping passenger, Aurora (Lawrence)—ha ha, get it?—and falls in love with her after reading her writing online. He struggles with the obvious ethical issues of waking her up, but after a year alone, he can't help himself. The secret bubbles under their blooming relationship as more and more starts to go wrong with the ship.

What's good?

As expected, Lawrence and Pratt are fantastic together—funny and believable and warm. It's easy to root for them despite the problematic nature of their meeting. Michael Sheen also provides the couple an endearing and often hilarious soundboard as a robot bartender. The concept is promising, full of humorous and pointed commentary about technology, human nature and bad customer service. The visuals are stunning, from the sleekness of the ship to the

genuine awe of outer space. "Passengers'" story hits every anticipated beat, but those beats engage and affect just the same.

What's bad?

As easy as it is to love Pratt, he doesn't have the serious romantic delivery down yet. Lawrence runs circles around him when anything gets dramatic. Lines like "Do you trust me?" inspire giggles instead of swoons (and it's ripped from "Aladdin," no less). Acts 1 and 2 of "Passengers" are promising, but like the ship, things really start to fall apart at the end. Laurence Fishburne conveniently shows up as Gus, a crew worker meant to present a magical solution, before being disposed of just as quickly. "Passengers" has a neat ending that satisfies but definitely forgoes more interesting or complex options.

Final verdict

It won't be considered cool to like this movie, but I can't help myself. I guess that's why charm gets greenlit.

Olek Krupa and Janelle Monáe in 'Hidden Figures'



★★★
HIDDEN
FIGURES
PG

Worthwhile but oversimplified

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What's more difficult, putting a man in space or putting an African-American woman in a position of authority at NASA? The answer should be simple, but because it isn't, "Hidden Figures" draws parallels between the two endeavors. It's a warm, loving movie designed to inspire both indignation and swelling hope. It suggests that breaking through racist barriers is simply a matter of hard work and perseverance, much like getting to space.

What happens?

Katherine Goble (Taraji P. Henson) is a brilliant mathematical mind working as a human computer at NASA in 1961. She's close with Dorothy (Octavia Spencer), who's good with machines but can't get supervisor status despite doing the work, and the sassy Mary (Janelle Monáe), who has the mind of an engineer but needs to take classes at an all-white school to actually become one. Katherine gets assigned to work on the team in charge of getting a man in space but is constantly challenged and underestimated.

What's good?

"Hidden Figures" does a remarkable job demonstrating that women may all want different things but all desire opportunity. Mary, Katherine and Dorothy all have different talents and aspirations and go about achieving them

in different ways, but their enduring support of one another bonds them in a joyful, feminine community. The film is frequently funny with feel-good vibes, showcasing these women as strong and capable people who had to be better than the best just to get a chance to be in the room. Henson, Spencer and Monáe all shine in moments of vulnerability, exasperation and triumph.

What's bad?

The film is easy, sometimes bordering on cheesy, full of heartwarming speeches and one-liners gearing for applause. "That's not how things are done" is the most common response to the racism these women face on a daily basis. Racism is not malicious in "Hidden Figures"—white people are ignorant, but once they become aware of their ignorance, most correct themselves. For instance, Katherine spends much of the movie running half a mile to another building at Langley to use a colored bathroom, until her boss (Kevin Costner) becomes aware of this problem and does away with colored bathrooms. Unfortunately, segregation and racism were not and are not so simple to correct, despite "Hidden Figures'" wishful thinking, but it is nice to witness their victories and pretend for a few hours.

Final verdict

Despite a tendency to simplify the problem, "Hidden Figures" is a well-acted, inspired and worthwhile story.

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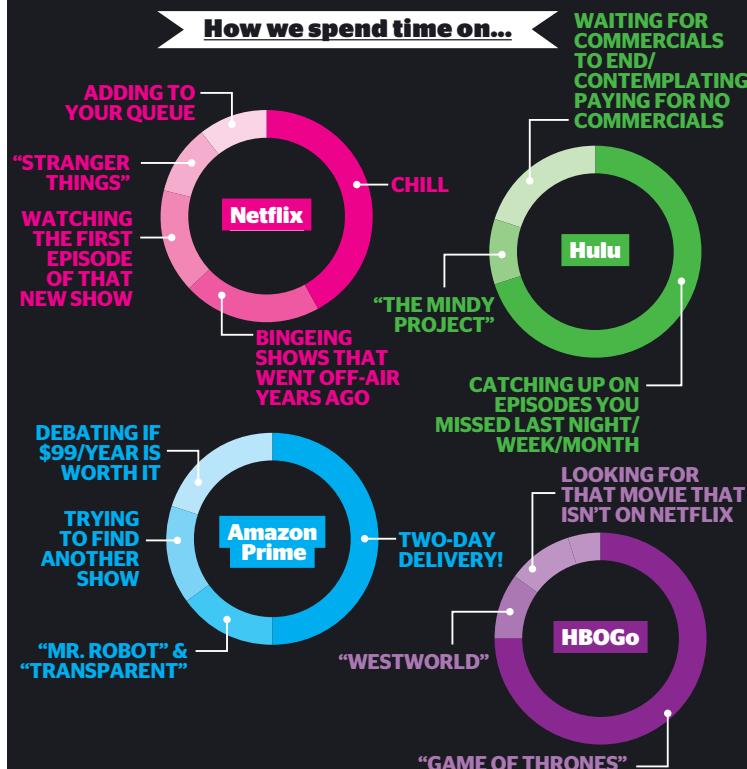
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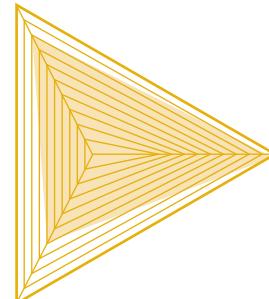
16 shows THAT SET A TREND in 2016

By Elise De Los Santos | REDEYE

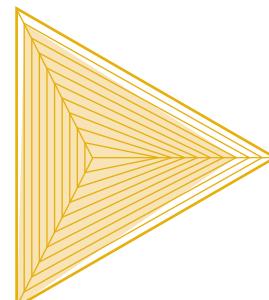
Success is a tricky thing with TV. Once a show finds it, not only does it have to try to replicate that success week after week, season after season, it also has to compete with dozens of new shows trying to do the same thing, but bigger and better. So as networks and streaming services try to outdo each other, they also end up copying each other quite a bit. Here are a few trends we saw on the small screen in 2016, and which shows followed the trend in a way that was golden age of television material, a shining silver example or crap that should be canceled. @ELISEKDEL0 | EKDELOSSANTOS@REDEYECHICAGO.COM

**Anthologies****GOLD****The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story**

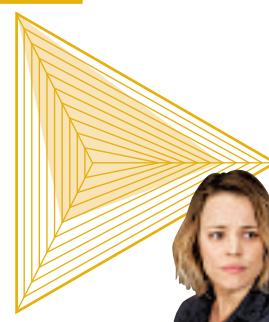
This show had everything: a sensational trial, celebrity power (both characters and actors) and good timing with a familiar story that we were ready to revisit.

Star power**Awards****Sustainability****SILVER****American Horror Story**

The show consistently draws viewers and high ratings, and Ryan Murphy keeps both viewers and his core cast of returning actors guessing on what new characters and stories he'll come up with next. It was renewed for a seventh season in October.

Star power**Awards****Sustainability****CANCELED****True Detective**

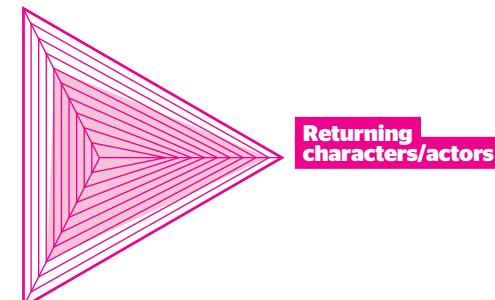
Vanity Fair reported in May that "True Detective" was all but officially done after HBO replaced its head of programming, who had overseen the rushed and disappointing second season in 2015. The network still has a deal with creator Nic Pizzolatto, but it probably won't be "True Detective" Season 3.

Star power**Awards****Sustainability****Revivals****GOLD****Gilmore Girls**

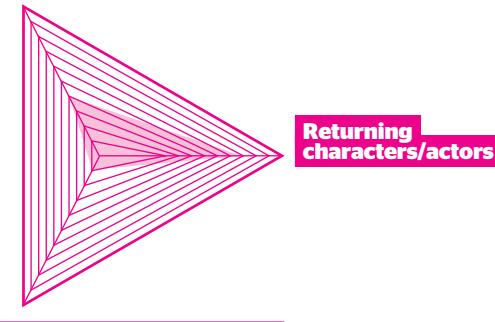
OK, we all agree that Rory was the worst in this, but overall, this trip back to Stars Hollow was satisfying, provided closure to how the series originally ended and was perfectly timed for holiday viewing.

Storyline/plot**Returning characters/actors****Recapturing original magic****SILVER****The X-Files**

It was more nostalgia than a juicy plot that drove the need to check in on Mulder and Scully, but sometimes that's all you need. If stars David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson can get their schedules sorted out and a stronger storyline, Season 11 could be something else.

Storyline/plot**Returning characters/actors****Recapturing original magic****(SHOULD BE) CANCELED****Fuller House**

It could have been so good! But alas, cheese triumphed over charm, and what should have been a fond revisit with the Tanner family became a too self-aware, forced and fake update. If that's your thing, though, Season 2 is now streaming on Netflix.

Storyline/plot**Returning characters/actors****Recapturing original magic**

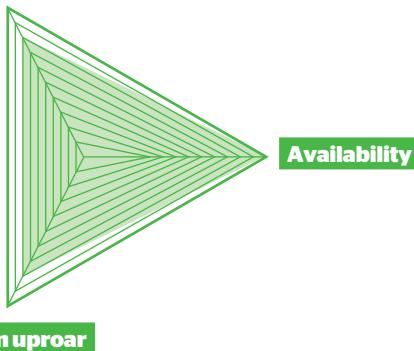
► Second chances

GOLD

The Mindy Project saved by Hulu

"Mindy" is a beloved show, but it wasn't pulling in the number of viewers it needed to keep it on air on Fox. Enter Hulu, which saved the show for the 2015-16 season, making sure that one of the few shows starring and created by a woman of color wasn't canceled.

Returning characters/actors

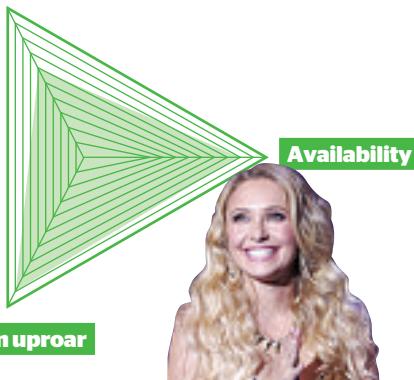


SILVER

Nashville saved by CMT

"Nashville's" devoted fans weren't enough in number to save it from ABC's ax this summer, but luckily CMT quickly swooped in to save the country music drama. CMT also later announced that new episodes will be available on Hulu after they air.

Returning characters/actors

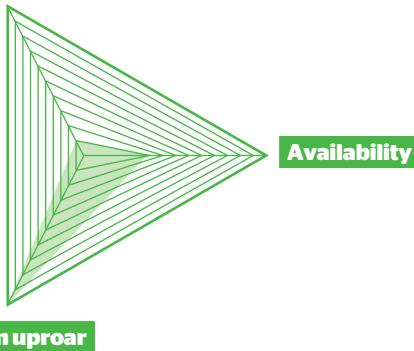


CANCELED

All the shows that didn't get saved

Let's pour one out for all the shows that won't get a second life on a streaming service no matter how many signatures their petitions get on [change.org](#). This is for "Agent Carter," "Penny Dreadful," "Limitless," [insert your favorite show that got canceled here].

Returning characters/actors



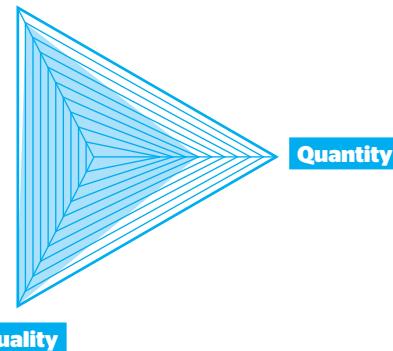
► Calling it quits

GOLD

Downton Abbey

"Downton Abbey" practiced what it preached and bowed out at the appropriate time, with dignity and grace. The PBS powerhouse could have gone on for several more seasons, but instead of sacrificing quality for quantity, it went out on top.

Satisfaction with ending

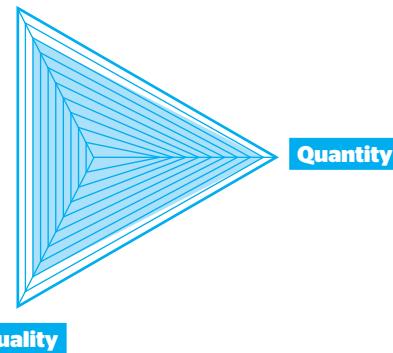


SILVER

The Good Wife

"The Good Wife" is one of those rare TV shows that had millions of viewers *and* was critically acclaimed. The show's creators said they envisioned a seven-season run for the show, and they were able to see their plan through to the end.

Satisfaction with ending



(SHOULD'VE BEEN) CANCELED (YEARS AGO)

American Idol

This was still on in 2016? Rare is the show that can make it more than a decade and still bring something new, exciting and worth watching. This one long out-stayed its welcome and its relevance. Can you even name a winner from this decade?

Satisfaction with ending



► Eyeing the throne

GOLD

This is Us » **Parenthood**

After "Parenthood" ended last year, there was a lack of tear-inducing, heartwarming family drama. Then "This is Us" entered the scene and unfroze our stone-cold hearts, and we rediscovered our ability to cry.

Living up to its predecessor

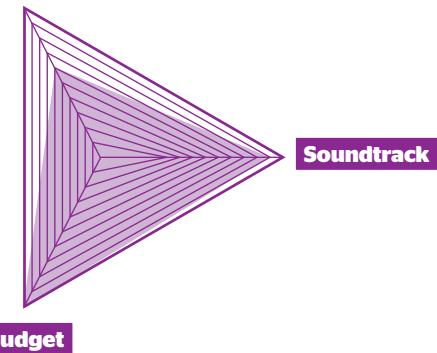


SILVER

Westworld » **Game of Thrones**

With an end date in sight for "Game of Thrones," HBO needs a new epic series to take its place. "Westworld" certainly isn't lacking in ambition, scope or cost, but the jury's still out on whether it can capture the imagination and loyalty of a fan base like "Game of Thrones."

Living up to its predecessor

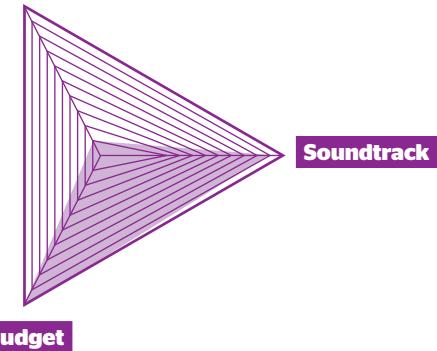


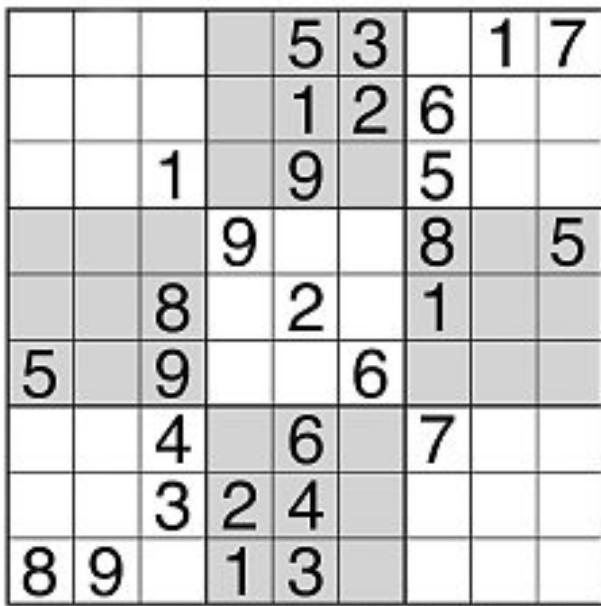
CANCELED

Vinyl, **Good Girls Revolt** » **Mad Men**

"Mad Men" and "Vinyl" both featured a male character trying to figure out his role in his profession and in society while trying to hide a deep, dark secret. "Good Girls Revolt" was basically a Peggy Olson spinoff. But neither show had the nuance and subtle commentary of "Mad Men," and critics and viewers just didn't fall in love with them.

Living up to its predecessor



puzzles

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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TODAY IN THE YEAR ...**1940:** Author F. Scott Fitzgerald died in Hollywood, Calif., at age 44.**1968:** Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.**1988:** 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.**1991:** Eleven of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the death of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.**ACROSS**

1 Deuce or king
5 Like seawater
10 Japanese wrestling form
14 Finished; done
15 Transparent
16 Strong _ ox
17 -livered; cowardly
18 Sounds familiar
20 ...FDR, HST, ...JFK, LBJ...
21 Car from Italy
22 Divine
23 Accepted standards
25 Cereal grain
26 Short rest
28 Takes off a jar cap
31 Narrow street
32 Inexperienced
34 Fraternity letter
36 Reclines
37 Courted
38 Daytime serial
39 16-oz. weights
40 Makes tea
41 Shortcoming
42 Magazine editions
44 Isn't certain
45 Lizzle; Model T
46 Money, slangily
47 Kareem _ Jabbar
50 Invoice
51 Give a name to
54 Burn
57 Additional amount
58 Deceased
59 Reed or Fargo
60 Small pitchers
61 Nimble
62 from; talk out of
63 Worry

DOWN

1 Weather word	21 Ravel at the edges	35 for; chooses	47 No ifs, __ or buts
2 Zealous	24 Individuals	37 Songbird	48 Alarm clock sound, often
3 Refusing to quit	25 Ran up a tab	38 Novelist Bellow	49 Precious
4 Parched	26 for; summon	40 Erect	50 Crooked
5 Pinch pennies	27 Excuse	41 Hoodwink	52 Strong yearning
6 Assumed name	28 Golfer's pegs	43 Built to last	53 Finest
7 Church season	29 Middle Ages folksinger	44 Cost of some lottery	55 Peculiar
8 Children's running game	30 Commandment verb	45 tickets	56 Misery
9 2017 and others: abbr.	32 Leaves	46 "Winnie-the-Pooh"	57 Initials for actor Fox
10 Wooden shoes	33 Argument	author	
11 Not brand new			
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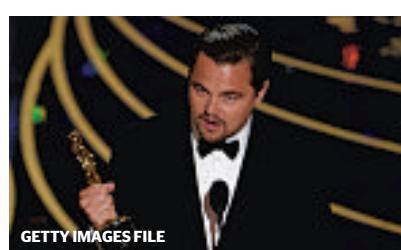


THE DIGIT

The amount pulled in worldwide by "Captain America: Civil War," the highest-grossing film of 2016. According to Box Office Mojo, "Finding Dory" and "Zootopia" were both hot on its heels with takes also over \$1 billion.

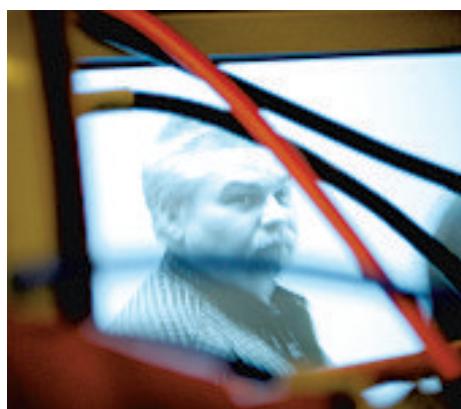
Why so serious?

It seems that no one was more disappointed in "Suicide Squad" than the Joker himself, notorious method man Jared Leto, who had plenty to say about the film's final edit. Asked if he was upset about any of his scenes getting cut, he told IGN, "Were there any that didn't get cut? I'm asking you, were there any that didn't get cut? There were so many scenes that got cut from the movie, I couldn't even start. I think that the Joker... we did a lot of experimentation on the set, we explored a lot. There's so much that we shot that's not in the film."

**THE DATE**

Feb. 28

The day Leonardo DiCaprio, model connoisseur and king of the world, finally received his Oscar, for "The Revenant."

**The Top 4**

The biggest winners at this year's Emmy Awards were "Game of Thrones" (12), "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" (9), "Grease: Live" (5) and "Making a Murderer" (4). Our tastes are varied, but it seems like everyone likes death (and dancing).

THE QUOTE

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IT WAS 'WOLF' THAT DEFINED HER. IT PUT HER UP WITH SHARON STONE IN 'CASINO' AND CATHY MORIARTY IN 'RAGING BULL'—ONE OF SCORSESE'S WOMEN."

—From Rich Cohen's much-maligned Vanity Fair profile on Margot Robbie, in which he hyperventilates for nearly 4,000 words about how sexy she is.